



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*  
**John Hoeven**  
*Governor*

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2003-04**

**WHEREAS**, I, John Hoeven, Governor of the State of North Dakota, by the authority vested in me, do hereby order that the rural fire mitigation actions as listed in the North Dakota Emergency Operations Plan be extended to all lands within the following counties: Adams, Billings, Bowman, Burleigh, Dunn, Emmons, Grant, Golden Valley, Hettinger, Mercer, McKenzie, Morton, Oliver, Sioux, Slope, Stark and Williams; and

**WHEREAS**, I further order that all state departments and administrators maintain fire response resources and capabilities at high levels of readiness to execute responsibilities pursuant to the State Emergency Operations Plan.

**NOW THEREFORE**, this order is issued upon the following basis and for the following reasons:

1. The Governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution; and
2. The Governor is vested with statutory authority to issue executive orders to minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency pursuant to Chapter 37-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code; and
3. A coordinated and effective effort of all state departments is required to minimize the impact of disasters and emergencies in this state; and
4. Fire Danger index information received from the National Weather Service and state and local emergency management organizations indicates a potential severe threat to public and private property.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2003.

/s/  
John Hoeven  
Governor

ATTEST:

/s/  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State

/s/  
Cory Fong  
Deputy